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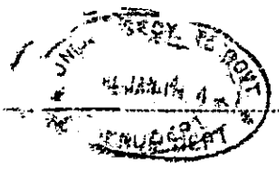

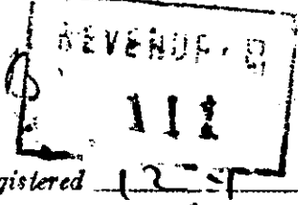

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From
S.Wadsworth Esq., I.C.S.,
S e c r e t a r y.

The Board of Revenue, ~~Revenue~~ Land Revenue ~~Settlement, etc.~~ ~~Separate Revenue~~.

N.Macmichael Esq., I.C.S.,
Commissioner of Land Revenue & Settlement.

Resolution
~~Reference.~~

Read the following paper:-

Copy enclosed. Letter from A.C.Duff Esq., I.C.S., Collector of Bellary, C No. 5166/23-A6, dated 8th January 1924.

Resolution.

Submitted to Government for information.

2. The report on the stock of food grains in the affected tract promised by the Collector is awaited.

3. The number of units provided for in the famine relief programme under sanctioned Public Works Large' is a little over a third of the maximum number of units likely

likely to be required. The Collector is requested to see whether more works cannot be brought on to the sanctioned programme.

A Govindan

for Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.--

To the Collector of Bellary.

S.M. 11/1.

Copy of a letter from A.C.Duff Esquire, I.C.S., Collector of Bellary, C.No.5166/23 A6, dated 8th January 1924.

Famine -Kolur test work - report under section 51- Board's Reference No.F.3131-23-1, dated 28-12-'23.

I submit the following report with particulars under section 51 of the Famine Code for the test work Bellary-Siruguppa road started near Kolur village in the Bellary taluk. The work was started on 7-1-24 it is managed by the Executive Engineer. A -- Charge Officer has been posted to the work as the special works Agent has not arrived. The number that attended the work on 7-1-24 is 306.... Men.... 84-Women... 191. — Children..... 31. The attendance will be watched.

(a) The tract served by the test work consists of the following villages:-

1. Kolur. (2) Sindigeri (3) Bylur. (4) Kaggal. (5) Dammur
(6) Korlagundi. (7) Somasamudram. (8) Yerrangaligi.
(9) Vaddihatti (10) Badanahatti. (11) Kurugodu.

All of them are entirely dry villages and mostly of black cotton soil, Fasli 1330 was a famine year but there was a very fair yield of hingari crops, suffered on account of inadequate rainfall and yielded an outturn of 4-6 annas. In the current fasli, the -- villages faired very badly. The outturn of mungari crops in red soils is estimated at 0-3 annas. The hingari crops completely failed where sown but in some villages little or nothing was sown though these villages are mostly further west than the tract now served. Mungari cotton yielded 2-3 annas in some villages and the hingari cotton is miserably poor. The average outturn where cotton was sown is estimated at about 2 annas in 5 villages, 1 anna in one village and 2-3 annas in the remaining villages.

(b) Rainfall. The rainfall was very scanty during the year. The report of rain gauge at Bellary shows a rainfall of 9.86 inches against 16.59 of the previous year and an average of 19.53.

Cultivation. The extent of cultivation during the current fasli

is noted below:-

Village.	Dry holdings	Extent cultivated.
1. Kaggal	3733	3647
2. Kolur	7129	4752
3. Korlagundi	5841	5280
4. Badanahatti	7449	7085
5. Sindigeri	4490	4111
6. Somasamudram	8398	5680
7. Yerrangaligi	4553	2024
8. Bylur	3904	3475.
9. Kurugodu	8548	7379
10. Dammur	6518	6239
11. Vaddahatti	5610	5284

Prevailling prices. The prices of food grains remained stationary till the end of October. Owing to the complete failure of North East monsoon, the prices rose. Yellow cholam is sold at Bellary at 8.32 imperial seers per rupee.

(C) These villages get their supply of food grains mostly from Bellary and from Kurugodu market also. I have asked the Revenue Inspector to enquire what stock of food grains these villages have and shall furnish the information shortly. The work spot is connected with both Bellary and Kurugodu by road.

(D). State loans have been granted on a liberal scale. A large number of loan applications have been received and a special staff consisting of one Tahsildar and four Revenue Inspectors has been employed for their speedy disposal. The Non-Official Central Relief Committee have arranged to start a private kitchen at Kolur ~~from~~ for destitututes, but it is not working yet. There is no immediate necessity to organize gratuitous relief in villages. The Divisional Officer reports that private charity and resources have not shrunk so far as to necessitate gratuitous relief in villages at present.

(e) If there be early rains in the month of May, the distress

distress will last till June, otherwise it will continue till September next or thereabouts.

(f) For the moment the Revenue Inspector is the Circle Officer and for the immediate future no extra men for this post are needed. Steps will be taken to employ extra staff when necessity arises.

(g)There is no increase in crime or mortality. It is a peculiar feature in this district that crimes increase in times of good harvest. The Assistant Collector who inspected the villages referred to above and the surrounding villages reports a considerable number of ryots have left their villages and gone to other parts of this district where they can find some employment or to Mysore or Dharwar. But there is no real distress wandering yet.

A sum of Rs. 50,000 for departmental works and Rs. 4000 for civil relief have been sanctioned by the Board. This allotment will suffice for the present. The statement in form (iii) is enclosed.

Form C. iii

...a and population affected and estimate for the number of persons for whom Relief is likely to be required of probable expenditure in the Taluk District

Total area	Total population	Area of taluk	Population of area	Maximum no. of persons for whom relief on works is likely to be required		Number of units provided for in the programme						Maximum number of persons for whom gratuitous relief is likely to be required	
						Public works				Village works				
				on any day	in the aggregate i.e. total number of	Large works (works employing one or more charges)		Small works (works employing less than a [illegible])		Not [illegible]	Private works		on any one day	On the aggregate i.e. total number of units
						A Gratuitous	B Not Gratuitous	A Gratuitous	B		Active	[illegible]		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		11	12	13	14	15
miles as in any taluk	1537	Sq miles 681.01	119094	24000 (20 p.c of Col 4)	(a) 3600000	13	721000			9021000	-	390000	(b) 2000	(c) 20000

(a). 24000 × 150 days

(b) No of destitutes in the affected villages

(c) 2000 × 10

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